

Minutes for Whitman County EMS Trauma Council March 2014.

Members present: Jamie Keller – Whitcom, Dr. Mikkelsen - Pullman Regional Hospital, Scott Kruse - Colfax EMS, James Young – Pullman Fire, Terrie Teare – Palouse EMS, Sam Schmick – Endicott EMS, Angela Teal – Albion EMS, Mirenda Caessens – WCFD12, Dennis Cartwright – D3

Agencies missing representation: Lamont, Malden, Colton/Uniontown, WSP, WCSO, LifeFlight, Oakesdale, St John/FD 2, Whitman Community Hospital, Rosalia, LaCrosse, MedStar

Meeting called to order 1906

Minutes – Approved January 2014 with “next meeting” date changed

Treasurers reports: Balance is \$9195.90 with no activity December 2013 – March 2014

Sheriff's Office – *NA

Emergency management – Bill Tensfeld – Pre-arranged absence - *Radio update: Firenet is getting better but we have a long way to go. Everyone's patience is much appreciated. Will give a full report next month. Thank you to everyone that attended the Mass Casualty Training. If you did attend and you have not yet filled out a survey, please take a couple minutes to do so.

Whitcom – *Remember to tell Whitcom the correct unit number and type. This is especially important when multiple calls are going on in the same service area or mutual aid with another agency. *Endicott firenet microwave is back up. *Let Whitcom know when you are noticing dispatchers cutting themselves on, they are working on a few radio issues. *National Telecommunication Week BBQ 4/16 11-2

East region–*NA

MPD –Dr.Mikkelsen - *Will be attending State MPD meeting in June: some discussion topics include community based paramedicine, upcoming discussions on EMT's administering Narcan and performance indicators. *Dr. M will only be signing completed forms. Do not bring him blank pages to sign.

Committees- *Mega Code Kelly – Ryan Scharnhorst is requesting to use it soon. Committee need to come up with basic use guidelines and charges.

New Business – *NA

Old Business–*Epinephrine – we need to follow up and make sure the state has received the new update from 07/2012 and approved it. Preferred administration site is the thigh, deltoid is acceptable as a secondary. For the syringe method only one bottle to be used per patient and

then disposed of. Agencies are still required to carry auto injectors unless all EMTs are trained to the new standard.

Upcoming Training – *IO Class April 1st 1900 at Whitman Hospital. Approx 1 hour for EMT-IV and above. *EMS Associates “The Summit” in CDA April 24-26. Registration begins in February 24th. *Trauma Conference in Spokane at Northern Quest Casino –April 21st - \$125. *BLS Evaluator update class June 21st at the public service building. Register on INHS Website. - Can we get an initial BLS evaluator class in Whitman County? *Tekoa is interested in an EMT class. *Still working on a PHTLS class.

Meeting adjourned

Next EMS Council Meeting – May 8, 2014 – 1900 hours
Colfax City Council Chambers